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Harmony Notes



Message from the President

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HBCSPC will be on Saturday, January 12, 2001 at 12:30 p.m.

Main building
Cafeteria
Puyallup
Fairgrounds
(across from the carousel)

WHAT ON EARTH

happened to an entire year? It just seems like yesterday that we were all worried about whether or not 2000 or 2001 was the beginning of the new millennium, and the beginning of all of our computer woes! Now here we are—in 2002.....

As a club, we have many BIG activities planned: a breed exhibition booth; hosting back-to-back regional specialties; hosting the inaugural Harmony Bay Shar-Pei Showcase; instituting a new class to honor our older breeding programs—the “Generations” class..... and that’s just in the first

few months of 2002. How many continuous generations will you be able to show at our specialty? I know that there will be PLENTY of volunteers on hand to help you outand I know that there will be PLENTY of tears shed at the Generations Parade. The pride of knowing you have made a contribution to your breed—and the pride of being able to show your peers your generations of breeding.....just gives me a tingle up my spine to think of watching our grand old dogs (and exhibiting!).

What will 2002 hold for you this year? What are

your goals for 2002? As a person, as a breeder, as an exhibitor? Can we tap you on the shoulder this year and ask for help in promoting our club and it’s activities? I hope so, because you can count on it!

There are many things I wish for each and every one of you—but the ones that I hold most dear for all of you are great health, great love, long life, and great dogs.

Can’t wait to start our new year off with a bang!

Cyndi =-)

A Heart-Warming Story!

Check out the November/December issue of the CSPCA official publication, *The Barker!*

In the Letters to the Editor, HBCSPC member Bonnie Stoney describes an incredible story about a Shar-Pei bitch named “Gorgeous.” Sold to a man named Hank from Palm

Springs, Gorgeous was the light of Hank’s life. However, one day, when traveling with his beloved pet in Oregon, Gorgeous got spooked at night and ran off into the darkness.

Since Bonnie lives in Oregon, she helped Hank search for Gorgeous. Bonnie and

Hank’s rescue of this amazing dog is not only a page-turner, but it has a surprise ending as well!

Many thanks to Bonnie for sharing the tale of Hank and Gorgeous. It’s great to hear of success stories, especially when least expected.



From the Files of...

Dr. Jeff Vidt: “Genes, Dogs, and Cancer”

(The following is from Dr. Jeff Vidt's Web site at www.aol.com/DrJWV).

I recently returned from the canine cancer conference titled “Genes, Dogs and Cancer: Emerging Concepts in Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy” sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the Heska Corporation and hosted by the AMC Cancer Research Center of Denver, CO. I was especially interested in attending since the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America Charitable Trust was a contributing sponsor.

The conference brought together canine cancer researchers, molecular biologists, veterinary cancer specialists, breed club representatives and veterinarians from around the country and from Europe. Presentations centered on the search for heritable factors contributing to cancer in dogs, new molecular tests to help diagnose cancer and determine prognosis, and cutting-edge treatment options which will become available in the near future.

First, I got the opportunity to hear from the researchers who are doing the studies the CSPCA Charitable Trust specifically funded through the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Dr. Cheryl London at UC Davis is doing a study investigating c-Kit mutations in canine mast cell tumors. c-Kit is a gene involved in regulating the growth and function of normal mast cells and the mutations in this gene that she has discovered allow for uncontrolled function of this gene, which may influence the development of mast cell

tumors. She has also found that the more aggressive the mast cell tumor, the higher the incidence of mutations in this gene. Dr. London is also looking at some potential treatments of canine mast cell cancer utilizing orally administered small molecule inhibitors which interfere with c-Kit signaling.

Another researcher the Charitable Trust is helping to fund is Dr. Stuart Helfand of the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He presented research concerning targeting of the tumor microenvironment with interleukin 12. Interleukin 12 is a potent activator of immune cells and serves in an anti-tumor role. By coupling IL-12 to a molecule, which is preferentially taken up by tumor cells, the IL-12 is presented directly to the tumor where it can exert a direct effect.

Secondly, I met many excellent researchers who are working on the cancer problem in dogs. What was interesting to find out is that there is very high conservation of genetic material such that over 90 percent of the genes in dogs are found in humans. This means that much of the research done in dogs is directly applicable to humans and vice versa. By sharing information the researchers are able to move cancer research along at an incredible rate.

Third, I see great advances in cancer prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment on the horizon. Research is currently underway to utilize natural body immune substances to fight tumors, de-

crease blood supply to tumors and to prevent metastatic tumors from developing in other parts of the body. Injection of genes, which produce anti-tumor substances, is being tested as a treatment modality against cancer.

Diagnostic tests are being developed to help detect individuals at risk for developing certain types of cancer so that preventative measures may be undertaken. The canine genome continues to be “filled in” as more genes are mapped onto it—this will allow researchers to detect genetic mutations responsible for cancer.

I think each of us has a very important part in this process. The money we donate to the Charitable Trust directly goes to fund research in this area and is bearing fruit. Money donated to the AKC Canine Health Foundation likewise funds research in this area.

We may not see the benefits of this research for several more years, but the funding needs to be continued. I urge all of you to continue to donate to these grant providers—the research not only helps our dogs, but also helps human cancer research as well.

No Minutes

Because there was no meeting in December, 2001, no minutes appear in this newsletter.



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AKC/Eukanuba Invitational Show Results

Article excerpts from
www.TheDogPlace.com

The Best in Show Winner was the ever-popular, crowd-pleasing CH. Special Times Just Right. The famous Bichon Frise walked off with \$50,000 for handler Scott Sommer. It was a wonderful win, but tears flowed because everyone's thoughts were on the tragic deaths of two of his owners. Eleanor McDonald and Flavio Wernick were not there to see "JR" win. Cecelia Ruggles, another owner, knows her friends were there in spirit, and yes, it seemed the dog truly showed his heart out for Best in Show judge Ms. Dorothy Nickles.

Presenters in center ring were AKC Board members David Merriam, Ron Menaker, and the Classics Show Chairman Barbara Schwartz. Also present were

AKC President Al Cheure and Jeff Ansell, President of Iams.

The Breeder of the BIS dog gets \$25,000, and speculation was high that the estate of Eleanor McDonald will donate her share of the prize money to the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Junior Showmanship winners were: First Place: Kristin Helden showing the Great Dane, CH. Diamond Danes Light My Fire, 2nd Place to Krystle Bounds with the multi-titled Pembroke Corgi Bounds Foxy Baby Lexi CD OA AXJ. Jennifer Hollow was 3rd with the English Springer CH. Break-away's CrownRoyal Mr Tea, and Christine Engelsman took home a 4th with Vizsla CH. Jneks Sweet Charity.

Group Placements were:
Sporting Group: Judge Mrs. Michele Billings—CH. Magic Sirly You Jest, Brittany
Hound Group: Judge Mrs.

James (Annie) Clark—CH. Shoreview's Grace, 13" Beagle. **Working Group:** Judge Mr. Roger Hartinger—CH. Charisma Jailhouse Rock, Standard Schnauzer. **Terrier Group:** Judge Mr. Edd Bivin—CH. Tartan Scottshire Ultra Glide, Airedale. **Toy Group:** Judge Mr. Norman Patton—CH. Hallmark Jolei Raggedy Andy, Shih Tzu. **Non-Sporting Group:** Judge Dr. Harry Smith—CH. Special Times Just Right, Bichon Frise. **Herd- ing Group:** Judge Mrs. Jean Fournier—CH. Brigadoon's Tuxedo Jake, a top Bearded Collie.

Also starring in the ceremonies were the Search and Rescue dogs from the World Trade Center disaster. They were honored for their bravery and service in a moving and emotional ceremony.



Shar-Pei Results from the Eukanuba Classic

Two members and three member dogs were eligible to attend the Eukanuba Classic in Orlando, Florida. Those three dogs were: CH. Rumples The Brave Just Do It (Gibson, owned by Cyndi Skinner), CH. Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart (Ruger, owned by Tony Carter), and CH. Toko's Ruger JR Of Bowanchein (JR, owned by Tony Carter and Juls Rau).

Chinese Shar-Pei results for the event are as follows:

Best of Breed/Group 4: CH. Asia's Toontowne Northern Lights (Aurora, owned by Romana Arnold

and Mark Berber).

Best of Opposite Sex/Best Bred By Exhibitor: CH. Elite's It's Only Make Believe (Disney, owned by Sandra Woodall).

Award of Merit: CH. She-nanigan's Mystic Star (Misty, owned by Michael and Susan Lauer).

Award of Merit: CH. Excelsior's Nan-Cee Lee (Nan-Cee, owned by Dr. Ronald H. Abel).

Congratulations to all the entrants and to the winners at this prestigious event!



Aurora, shown here, took BOB and a Group 4 at the recent Eukanuba Classic. Aurora also won BOB at Westminster earlier this year.

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Chinese Shar-Pei Club

Member Wags, Brags, and Info!

New Champion Litter!

CH. Graling's Mon Cherie Soeuer (Sherie)
CH. Rumples Just a Breeze (Justin)
CH. Gralings That's My Final Answer (Regis)

Proud Sire & Dam:
CH. Rumples the Brave Just Do It x Graling's
Carried On The Wind.



Congratulations to Linda Graling and Cyndi Skinner for this great breeding, which will be repeated.

New Email Addresses!

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Address Correction:

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Congratulations to Cyndi Skinner, Savanna Skinner, and Tony Carter for being invited to the AKC/Eukanuba American Dog Classic in December, with dogs in the top 20. To be eligible, Juniors had to have 5 open wins between January 1, 2001 and October 10, 2001, as well as maintain a 3.0 ("B") average in school.

Upcoming Shows

January 11—Puyallup, Tacoma Kennel Club
January 12—Puyallup, Sammamish Kennel Club
January 13—Puyallup, Puyallup Valley DF

January 17—Portland, CSPCA/Portland CSPC Specialty
January 18—Portland, Tualatin Kennel Club
January 19—Portland, Greater Clark Co. KC
January 20—Portland, DFA Assoc of Oregon
January 21—Portland, DFA of Oregon